

Grand Junction, Colorado

May 13th, 1931

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, met in regular adjourned session at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Those present and answering at roll call were: Councilmen Bear, Glassford, Hall, Hirons, Holcombe, Roberts, Sievert. City Manager Soderstrum, City Attorney Adams, and City Clerk Tomlinson were present. Mr. Glassford, Temporary Chairman presided at the meeting.

Request of Western Slope Auto for Drive

A letter from Mr. R. G. Miller requesting that they be given permission to build driveways into the Western Slope Garage on Second Street and on Main Street - 52 feet on Main and 48 feet in addition to the present 14-foot driveway on Second Street and also a new 14-foot driveway on 2nd. A sketch of the proposed driveways accompanied the letter.

Councilman Hall moved and Councilman Hirons seconded the motion that the petition of R. G. Miller to extend the width of the driveways on Main Street and on Second Street as per letter and sketch filed with the City Council, be granted. Upon which motion the following vote was cast: Councilmen voting AYE - Bear, Glassford, Hall, Hirons, Holcombe, Roberts, Sievert. Councilmen voting NAY - None. All of the Councilmen voting AYE, the motion was declared carried.

Cook Application for Pawn Brokers License

The bond of the Louis Cook Sporting Goods and Loan Co. Pawn Broker was presented. It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Bear that the matter be laid on the table. Motion carried.

Council Organize

It was suggested that as all members of the Council were present, it would be well to organize the Council and elect the President and acting Mayor.

Councilman Hall moved and Councilman Bear seconded the motion that Councilman Hirons act as temporary Chairman during the balloting for President. Motion carried.

President be Selected for One Year

Councilman Glassford suggested that the President be selected for a period of one year instead of two years, as has been the custom. This proposition met with the approval of the other Councilmen.

Glassford Nominated

Councilman Sievert moved and Councilman Roberts seconded the motion that Councilman Glassford be nominated for the office of President of the Council. Motion carried.

Councilman Hall moved and Councilman Hirons seconded the motion that the nominations be closed and the City Clerk instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Glassford as President of the Council for a period of one year. Roll was called with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE - Bear, Hall, Hirons, Holcombe, Roberts, Sievert. Councilmen voting NAY - None. Councilman Glassford did not vote. Acting President Hirons declared Councilman Glassford elected President of the Council.

The oath of office for the President of the Council was administered to Mr. Glassford by Mrs. Tomlinson, City Clerk. He then took the Chair and presided during the rest of the meeting.

Proposed Elec. Franchise Ordinance Introduced

A proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT TO LOCATE, BUILD, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE INTO, WITHIN AND THROUGH THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, A PLANT OR PLANTS AND WORKS FOR THE GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY AND TO FURNISH, SELL AND DISTRIBUTE SAID PRODUCTS TO THE CITY AND THE INHABITANTS THEREOF, BY MEANS OF CONDUITS, CABLES POLES AND WIRES STRUNG THEREON OR OTHERWISE, OVER, UNDER, ALONG AND ACROSS ALL STREETS, ALLEYS, BRIDGES, PUBLIC WAYS AND PLACES IN SAID CITY AND FIXING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF, AND PROVIDING FOR RATES AND STANDARDS OF SERVICE.", WAS introduced and read.

Gillpatrick on Rates

Mr. E. M. Gillpatrick appeared before the Council and gave some information concerning electric rates in other places, and stated that he was in favor of low rates for electricity here.

Schmidt Petition against Public Service Selling Merchandise

Mr. A. M. Schmidt presented a petition signed by a large number of the business houses in the City requesting that there be incorporated a provision in the franchise to the effect that the holder of the franchise shall engage in no merchandising either directly or indirectly, of electrical merchandise and appliances, and that the holder of the franchise shall be restricted in its operations to the sale of electricity and electric power.

Councilman Bear moved and Councilman Hall seconded the motion that the petition be filed and due consideration given to it. Motion carried.

Committee to Consider Rates

Councilman Sievert moved and Councilman Hall seconded the motion that the Chairman appoint a committee of the City Manager and the City Attorney and others if needed, to meet with the Public Service Company to considerates, and present the same at an informal meeting of the Council. Motion carried.

Sprinkling Regulation

The matter of sprinkling restrictions was introduced. The City Manager was instructed to go ahead and put sprinkling restrictions in effect. It was the sense of the Council that no special sprinkling permits will be issued.

Councilman Bear moved and Councilman Hiron seconded the motion that the meeting adjourn.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk